Chapter 731 I Won't Force Myself

Edward was frightened, so he hurriedly went to book a flight. He didn't remember Wanda at all throughout the entire time and only recalled when the front desk called to ask him again.

"Mr. Jackson, Miss Muller would like to know if the president is free."

"Tell Miss Muller that the president is in a meeting and has no time to meet guests."

After he finished speaking, he hung up the phone directly.

When Wanda knew that Nicholas didn't have time to see her, she didn't bother him anymore despite feeling disappointed.

That afternoon, Nicholas flew directly to Vienna.

On the other side, Tessa didn't know that Nicholas had arrived.

She tossed and turned in bed but couldn't sleep, feeling that her previous approach regarding the pregnancy was too immature. Even if she didn't understand what was going on, she shouldn't have treated Nicholas like that. She barely slept all night because of this incident, and she became even more haggard.

Sebastian looked at her worriedly. "Miss Tessa, you're looking unwell. You should rest at home today."

"No, I'm fine."

Tessa shook her head and refused. When she recalled how she had hung up on Nicholas last night, she planned to call and apologize.

However, after she dialed his phone number, she was told that the phone had been turned off.

Tessa proceeded to put down the phone, feeling very depressed.

Nicholas must be angry, but it doesn't matter. I'll wait for his anger to subside, then contact him again and apologize.

Tessa comforted herself before she put on some light makeup to cover her pale complexion. Then, she finally went to the orchestra.

Even so, she was in a bad state. While practicing, she made several silly mistakes.

Mona looked at her friend and was a little worried.

"Tess, are you alright?"

"I'm fine, so don't worry."

Tessa smiled and shook her head.

Mona was still concerned as she said, "I don't think you're fine. If you're not feeling well, let's go back to rest."

Hearing this, Tessa felt warm in her heart. "Don't worry, I won't force myself. If I'm really ill, I'll ask for leave and get some rest."

Since Mona could see Tessa's persistence, she didn't insist any further. Instead, she took good care of Tessa when the latter was resting.

After training that night, Tessa said goodbye to Mona and went home directly.

Sebastian said, "Miss Tessa, dinner is ready. Should I bring it to your room?"

Tessa nodded and went back to the bedroom.

After a brief shower, she began to eat. The dinner was delicious, but she still had no appetite. She had just eaten a few mouthfuls when her stomach began to churn again.

"Ugh..." She covered her lips and rushed all the way into the bathroom while Sebastian looked on worriedly outside the door.

Just before he came forward, he saw Nicholas coming up from downstairs.

"You're here, Master Nicholas."

He looked at Nicholas in surprise.

The latter nodded and looked around the room, but he didn't see Tessa. "Where's Tessa?"

"Miss Tessa is in the bathroom—"

Before Sebastian finished speaking, Nicholas walked directly inside.

Unexpectedly, as soon as he walked over, he saw Tessa lying against the sink as she retched.

When Tessa was vomiting, she suddenly heard Nicholas' voice from behind. "What's wrong?"

"Why are you here?"

She was very startled as she looked at Nicholas, who had suddenly appeared at the door, and took a few steps back guiltily.

Nicholas saw her dodging gaze and furrowed his brows. Soon, his expression became uglier; Tessa's state at this time was not just the average kind of bad. Her complexion was ghastly and blue, and her lips were bloodless.

"What exactly is going on?"

Nicholas stared at Tessa with his dark eyes, questioning her as he approached the woman. Meanwhile, Tessa looked at the serious expression that he never had before and felt guilty. She wanted to escape, but there was absolutely no way out since there was a sink behind her. In the end, she could only hold onto it anxiously while she lowered her head without saying a word.

Chapter 732 I'm Pregnant

When Nicholas saw this, he became more certain that Tessa was hiding something from him.

His eyes sank slightly. He knew that Tessa would not tell him no matter what he asked, so he changed his strategy.

"I don't care what happened. You are not feeling well, so let's go to the hospital first."

After he finished speaking, he strode forward and directly grabbed Tessa by the waist.

The woman was stunned for a moment before she immediately began struggling.

"I'm not going to the hospital."

She grabbed the bathroom door with her hands, preventing Nicholas from leaving with her in his arms.

His face sank immediately, and he said a little angrily, "Why don't you want to go to the hospital? Is there something wrong with your body? Do you know that you're making me very worried?"

When she heard the man's annoyed voice, Tessa felt guilty and apologetic. Her eyes turned red, and tears fell from them drop by drop.

Outside the door, Sebastian could hear that something was wrong. Thinking of Tessa's recent physical condition, he couldn't help but come in and say, "Master

Nicholas, Miss Tessa has been feeling weak over the past few days. Do talk nicely to her."

Nicholas looked at Sebastian before shifting his gaze to the pale girl in his arms, and he finally softened.

"You may leave first," he said.

Sebastian hesitated for a while, but he still nodded and exited the room.

At that point, the room fell silent except for Tessa's soft sobs.

Nicholas looked at the girl who was crying silently in his arms, sighed inwardly, then gently put her on the bed.

Following that, he squatted in front of the woman, raised his hand in anguish, and gently wiped away the tears on the girl's cheeks. "Don't cry, I didn't mean to yell at you just now. I was just too worried about you."

However, the gentler he was, the more uncomfortable Tessa felt in her heart. She felt that she was really selfish, so she cried even harder. When he saw Tessa getting sadder, Nicholas felt powerless for a while.

He stood up, took her into his arms, then patted her on the back again and again to reassure her. "It's okay. No matter what happens, I'll be by your side."

For some reason, this comfort had an effect, and Tessa's mood gradually stabilized.

Eventually, Nicholas let go of her and asked, "Now, can you tell me what happened?"

Tessa looked at the man's serious expression and opened her mouth.

"I…"

She hesitated as she still had no idea what to say.

Instead of rushing her, Nicholas waited patiently. Finally, Tessa closed her eyes and said, "I'm pregnant..."

I'm pregnant...

The girl's words caused Nicholas to freeze in place.

He looked at Tessa in amazement, the surprise and joy evident in his eyes. "Are you pregnant?"

Tessa nodded lightly. When she saw the man's happy expression, she felt a little complicated.

Nicholas didn't realize that at first. He was immersed in utter joy after getting Tessa's affirmative answer, and it took a while before he realized that Tessa didn't look very happy.

Combined with what happened over the past two days, he had some guesses in his heart, and he couldn't help but suppress the joy and tentatively asked, "Is this why you've been abnormal these days?"

Tessa was stunned for a while, and it seemed as though she hadn't expected Nicholas to ask such a question.

The man looked at the hesitating girl and thought of other possibilities. His face darkened as he asked, "Why do you feel distressed? Don't you want this child?"

"I…"

Tessa didn't know how to answer. She lowered her eyes and bit her lower lip in awkwardness, not knowing what to say. Nicholas saw how she was trying to avoid the topic, and his face became even worse.

"Why aren't you saying anything? Is that a yes? Do you really not want this child?" His tone was a little cold.

"That's not it," answered Tessa as she denied it quickly.

Nicholas looked at her and asked again, "In that case, what is it?"

Chapter 733 First Child

Tessa tightly grabbed the sheets on the bed, feeling the pressure.

"It's not that I don't want our child; it's just that this child wasn't in my plan. My career is still on the rise, and I don't think I've reached my highest potential yet. That's why I'm in a mess."

Nicholas looked at Tessa, who seemed to be releasing everything she had been thinking about. Surprisingly, he was quite calm as though he also understood Tessa's thoughts.

Even so, he was angry at Tessa for not telling him such big news in the first place.

He had a feeling of being distrusted, and another thought popped up in his mind.

"I have a question for you."

"What is it?" Tessa looked up at the man.

Nicholas looked back at her with deep eyes. "Since this isn't part of your plan and you didn't want to tell me about it, were you planning to secretly abort the child?"

"No." Tessa immediately shook her head in denial.

Nicholas' eyes flickered, and he said coldly, "But that's how you felt just now, and you didn't intend to keep it either, so you chose to hide it."

"Nicholas, I really didn't mean that. Believe me." Tessa looked at Nicholas sincerely, hoping that he could believe in her.

The man's heart softened for a moment, but thinking of what Tessa had done during this time, he suppressed it. He took a deep breath, turned his back against Tessa, then said solemnly with some anger, "I don't care what you think. Since you don't want to have this child, don't give birth to it. Go and abort the child."

After speaking, he slammed the door and walked away.

Meanwhile, Tessa looked in the direction where Nicholas disappeared and felt extremely miserable.

"I really didn't mean that. It just felt rather sudden, and I didn't come to my senses for a time," she muttered to herself while sitting on the bed, her tears falling like pearls breaking off a string.

Moreover, she herself was reluctant to give up the child. No matter what, this was her and Nicholas' first child.

After Nicholas left, he went directly to his study.

He sat at the desk with a cold and frightening face, and the air around him seemed to have frozen.

Speaking of which, this was the first time they had quarreled since they got together.

He got angry when he thought that if he hadn't come, Tessa wouldn't have told him about the pregnancy. Worse, she might've even secretly aborted his child. The more he thought about it, the madder he became. He was so infuriated that he couldn't stop himself from taking a cigarette out from the drawer and lighting it up.

In the past, he only smoked to relieve himself when he was in a very bad mood.

Even so, he was still livid.

Under the light, the man smoked cigarette after cigarette, and the room became cloudy after a while.

Meanwhile, Tessa remained sitting on the bed.

At this moment, her emotions had calmed down, and she knew that her previous actions were indeed easy for Nicholas to misunderstand.

She began to think about how she should explain to Nicholas next.

Sebastian also saw the quarrel between the two and felt a little anxious in his heart.

He looked at the closed doors on both sides, thought for a while, then walked to the study and knocked on the door. "Master Nicholas, can I come in?"

"Come in."

Nicholas' cold voice sounded.

Sebastian pushed the door open and coughed twice due to the pungent smell of smoke inside.

He hurried to the window and opened it.

A gust of wind blew in, and the smell of smoke in the study dissipated significantly.

Nicholas' thin lips parted lightly, and his voice was a little hoarse as he said, "What are you doing here?"

Sebastian thought of his purpose. Then, he immediately stood beside him respectfully and persuaded, "Master Nicholas, Miss Tessa has not been feeling well these days, and she hasn't eaten anything for a whole day. If this continues, her body will definitely collapse, so please don't be angry with Miss Tessa anymore."

Hearing this, Tessa's haggard face flashed in Nicholas' mind, and he immediately felt distressed.

"Go to the kitchen now and have someone make some light food for Tessa."

Chapter 734 A Cute Child Like Gregory

"Of course."

The butler smiled and nodded before he left directly to the kitchen.

He asked the chef to cook some light food, then took it to Tessa's room and knocked on the bedroom door.

When she heard someone knocking, Tessa thought it was Nicholas and hurried to open the door.

As a result, when she saw Sebastian standing outside, her bright eyes dimmed instantly.

"Oh, it's you. What's the matter?"

Sebastian looked at Miss Tessa's disappointed expression. With a faint smile on his lips, he then explained, "Master Nicholas knows that you haven't eaten much today, so he specifically asked me to bring you some food."

As he spoke, he lifted the tray in his hands, then walked into the room and put it on the bedside table.

Seeing this, Tessa knew that Nicholas still cared about her, and her initially miserable mood improved a lot.

"What about him?" she asked.

"Master Nicholas is in the study."

Sebastian deliberately hesitated, then added nervously, "I think Master Nicholas seems to be in a bad mood. He is smoking a lot of cigarettes. He doesn't usually smoke much, you know."

Tessa felt a little complicated upon hearing this.

Sebastian observed Tessa's expression and felt that he had done everything he could, so he quietly retreated.

Tessa didn't know that Sebastian was fretting over the two of them.

She ate the food, but it tasted bland in her mouth, and her mind was chaotic once again.

For a while, the room became quiet.

After a long time, her phone ringing broke the silence with a call from Gregory.

Tessa hesitated while holding the phone, but she still answered the video call nonetheless.

Once the video call was connected, Gregory's anxious voice sounded from the other end of the line.

"Miss Tessa, I heard that you are sick. Are you feeling better?"

Tessa could tell that the little boy was worried about her through the phone, so her originally depressed mood lightened a lot.

As she listened to the little boy's soft, concerned voice and remembered his cute face, she suddenly figured out the problem in an instant.

In fact, what's wrong with having a cute child like Gregory?

At this moment, Tessa completely thought it through, and her mood became brighter.

She felt that she must have been blinded before to think that the arrival of her child would be inappropriate.

"Greg, you really are my lucky star."

She looked at Gregory gratefully, then kissed the little boy through the phone.

Although Gregory felt that Tessa's mood changed so quickly, it did not prevent him from kissing her back.

The two laughed for a while, then Gregory urged Tessa to rest.

After all, there was a time difference between the two countries.

Before hanging up the phone, Gregory reminded again, "Miss Tessa, you must take good care of yourself."

"Don't worry. I will," said Tessa while assuring Gregory, and her heart was warm because of the little boy's concern.

After hanging up the phone, Tessa had some appetite after figuring the whole thing out and ate all the food brought by Sebastian.

She then took the empty bowl downstairs. Thinking of what Sebastian had said before, she took the initiative to go to the study.

Meanwhile, Sebastian had been keeping an eye on the situation between the two.

At this moment, he saw Miss Tessa taking the initiative to find Nicholas, so he had a relieved expression on his face.

It seems that Master Nicholas and Miss Tessa will be able to reconcile tonight.

On the other hand, Tessa didn't know that her every move was being watched by Sebastian.

She quietly came to the study and found that the door was not closed properly, so she pushed the door and walked in.

After entering, she smelled a strong odor of smoke, and her brows could not help but furrow.

She searched for Nicholas' figure in the room and found that the man had his back against the door, and he was standing by the window while looking at the night sky outside.

Under the moonlight, the man's back was tall and sturdy, but it was also a bit lonely and cold.

Tessa's heart throbbed slightly when she looked at him.

Nicholas naturally noticed that someone had come in, but he didn't turn around since he assumed it was Sebastian.

"I'm fine, you don't need to worry about me. Has Tessa eaten anything?"

Chapter 735 When One Becomes a Mother

Hearing that the man still cared for her even when he was angry, Tessa was both moved and guilty.

She bit her lower lip lightly and walked toward the man step by step.

When Nicholas heard the footsteps behind him, he felt something was wrong.

Just as he was about to turn around, Tessa hugged his waist from behind and pressed her forehead against his back. When Nicholas felt the softness coming from behind, his whole body froze.

At this time, Tessa's soft voice came to his ear.

"Don't be angry, okay, Nicholas? I'll give birth to the child."

Nicholas was shocked upon hearing this. He turned around suddenly, looking at Tessa in surprise. "Aren't you afraid that it'll affect your career?"

"I'm sure it'll be fine."

Tessa looked at Nicholas with a smile, then continued in a very firm tone, "My dreams can be realized in the future, but the child is a life, so how can I take it away? Besides, I can't bear it. The reason why I felt confused before was that I didn't know how to welcome him."

After Nicholas listened to Tessa's words, his eyes became a little complicated.

He thought that Tessa was unwilling; he didn't expect her to make such a big compromise in the end, and he didn't know what to say for a while.

In fact, he wasn't going to insist that she have this child, but he just didn't like Tessa carrying all the burden by herself. Now that she had compromised, he was very moved by it, but he didn't want her to give up her dreams for him.

"I don't want to use the child to tie you to my side, and I don't want you to make such a big sacrifice. On the contrary, I want you to do what you want to do happily."

When he said this, he paused and said in a distressed voice, "Also, pregnancy is a difficult task, and will require you to devote a lot of energy."

Hearing that he was concerned for her, Tessa was deeply moved and felt indescribable sweetness.

"Trust me, I can do it."

As she spoke, she stepped forward and hugged Nicholas again, pressing her face against the man's firm chest.

His powerful heartbeat came to her ear, causing her to smile a little.

Nicholas held Tessa with both hands, feeling very touched. He rubbed his chin against Tessa's black hair, and his voice was indescribably gentle as he said, "It's not that I don't trust you. I'm just worried about you."

"Don't you know that one will become tough when they become a mother? I think this is quite true. Every mother will become very strong for her children. This way, I can have you by my side too."

Tessa raised her head and looked at Nicholas firmly, whereas the latter lowered his head and stared at her, feeling moved again.

"You fool."

He hugged Tessa tightly, the tenderness on his face seeming to swallow her whole.

Under the moonlight, the image of the two embracing each other was warm and beautiful.

After a while, Tessa looked at the handsome man in front of her again, then said softly, "Let's not quarrel in the future, okay?"

"It's my fault. I shouldn't have been angry at you."

Nicholas stared at Tessa and took the initiative to apologize.

Tessa shook her head. "I also did something wrong; I shouldn't have hidden it from you and cause such a misunderstanding."

Hearing this, Nicholas thought of what happened this time and said with a serious expression, "Don't hide anything from me in the future, or I will be very worried."

"I know. I won't."

Tessa looked back at the man gently.

Nicholas met her starry eyes, felt moved in his heart, and lowered his head slowly.

As the hot and humid breath came close to her face, Tessa looked at the handsome man who was getting closer and couldn't help closing her eyes.

Their lips pressed together, and Nicholas kissed her very gently.

After a while, Tessa felt weak all over and could only stand while being supported by Nicholas.

After a long time, the two parted breathlessly.

Tessa calmed down and glared at Nicholas slightly. "You smell of smoke all over, and you deliberately passed it on to me."

Hearing this, Nicholas remembered that the room was full of smoke and hurriedly left with the woman.

Chapter 736 Leave the Rest to Me

"Sorry, I didn't think about it."

When she heard the man's solemn apology, Tessa couldn't help laughing.

She followed Nicholas closely. Thinking of the dangers of smoking, she deliberately looked serious and demanded, "No matter what, you mustn't smoke in the future."

Nicholas naturally agreed. His deep and magnetic voice was indescribably indulgent.

"Okay, I'll listen to you."

Downstairs, Sebastian watched as the two walked out of the study while holding hands, and he retreated with a gratified smile on his face.

After returning to the room, Tessa pushed Nicholas into the bathroom while urging, "You smell of smoke. Hurry up and go take a shower."

"Shower with me." Nicholas pulled Tessa without letting go.

Of course, he didn't really want Tessa to accompany him. He just wanted to tease her, but Tessa was unaware of that. She thought about it for a few seconds before hesitating. "I'll accompany you if you promise not to mess around anymore."

Nicholas laughed and fondly rubbed her loose, black hair. "How can I let you work so hard? Go to bed. Rest and wait for me."

After speaking, he turned around and went into the bathroom.

Tessa stood on the spot with red cheeks, feeling that Nicholas' words were rather suggestive.

After a simple shower, the two lay on the bed. They hugged each other and did nothing else since they couldn't make love.

Under the yellow bedside lamp, Tessa rested her head on Nicholas' firm chest, and it was quiet and warm at that moment. When she thought about their future and the attitude of Nicholas' elders, she couldn't help but worry.

"What are you going to tell your family about the child?" She looked at Nicholas worriedly.

After all, the elders of his family had always disagreed about them being together.

Nicholas lowered his head slightly, and he could see the worry in her eyes. He soothed her by saying, "Don't worry, I will handle this matter."

"In that case, what do I need to do?"

Tessa didn't want Nicholas to bear all the pressure alone and wanted to help shoulder it together.

When he saw her serious expression, Nicholas curved his lips slightly and gently placed a kiss on her forehead.

"You just need to obediently do whatever you like and leave the rest to me."

He stared at Tessa affectionately.

Tessa looked back, and her heart was as sweet as anything. Even so, she did not forget to remind him, "If you need me to do something, you must tell me."

Nicholas nodded

Tessa happily rubbed the man's chest, then thought of Gregory.

"By the way, Greg still doesn't know about my pregnancy. If he knows, will he accept..."

She was a little worried, afraid that Gregory would not be able to accept the news.

Nicholas understood what Tessa meant, but since he couldn't be sure about Gregory, he didn't give a clear answer.

He thought about it and said, "Since it's yours, perhaps Greg would be fine with it. After all, he likes you so much."

"Although that is the case, what if he doesn't like the baby?"

Tessa felt very uneasy.

"Don't think too much about it." Nicholas raised his chin and rubbed Tessa's forehead, comforting her. He said, "Even if he resists the baby, I believe that with your love for him, it will slowly be resolved."

Tessa agreed, then wrapped her arms around Nicholas' waist and promised, "Even after we have our child, I'd still treat Greg as my own."

Nicholas looked down at her in his arms and couldn't help laughing.

You fool! Greg is your own child too.

Unfortunately, Tessa couldn't hear what he said in his heart. She hugged Nicholas and felt very at ease.

Soon, she leaned on Nicholas unconsciously and fell asleep in a daze.

The man listened to the steady breathing coming from his arms, and when he lowered his head slightly, he could see her sweet, sleeping face. At once, his expression became tender.

The next morning, Tessa woke up to find that Nicholas was no longer around. She didn't mind it and got up to take a shower.

Chapter 737 You Deserve to Be Treated Well

Just when she was done, Nicholas pushed the door gently and came in.

"You're up? How do you feel?"

"I'm fine, so don't worry." Tessa walked over with a smile.

Seeing that her face was indeed much better than yesterday, Nicholas felt relieved. "I made some light food in the kitchen, so let's go down to eat."

Tessa nodded and followed him to the dining hall. After she solved the problem in her heart, her appetite improved a lot. Usually, she couldn't even finish a bowl of food, but she ate it all today.

Nicholas wanted Tessa to rest at home after their meal, but the woman refused.

"I'm fine. The band will be performing next month, so there are a lot of things to practice."

Hearing her insistence, Nicholas had no choice but to say, "In that case, you should rest more and don't tire yourself out."

"I know." Tessa nodded.

In the end, Nicholas personally delivered Tessa to the orchestra. He then said, "I'll come to pick you up at noon, and we'll go out to eat."

Tessa did not refuse, and after saying goodbye to Nicholas, she joined the orchestra.

When one was busy, time always flew by quickly.

In a blink of an eye, it was already noon.

"Tess, it's time to eat."

Mona happily came to Tessa's side, planning to go to the cafeteria with her.

Tessa looked at her friend apologetically. "I can't have lunch with you today since my fiancé is here."

"Oh, so your fiancé is here. No wonder your complexion is much better today than before."

Mona looked at Tessa with narrowed eyes, then smiled teasingly. "If that's the case, then I won't disturb you on your date."

After speaking, she went away.

Tessa laughed, but her heart was very warm; she felt great to have such a friend.

When she walked out of the orchestra, she saw Nicholas standing on the street. Thus, she couldn't help but quicken her pace. "Nicholas."

"Don't run. Be careful not to fall."

Nicholas stepped forward with a nervous expression and held Tessa.

Tessa laughed. "I'm all grown up. How could I possibly fall?"

Even though she said so, her heart was as sweet as anything.

Nicholas looked at her dotingly and asked, "What would you like to eat?"

"I'm fine with anything."

Tessa felt that now Nicholas was there, she had an appetite for anything.

However, Nicholas didn't know that, so he took her to find a restaurant where she had an appetite for the food.

After the warm meal, Tessa went back to the orchestra to practice.

That night, Nicholas personally came to pick her up.

As soon as they went back, she found that there were a lot of new supplements at home.

There was premium bird's nest, ginseng, and many products that provided nutrition for the fetus.

Sebastian stood by the side and credited Nicholas for all of it. "Miss Tessa, Master Nicholas carefully selected all of these for you in the afternoon."

Tessa felt moved and looked at the man beside her, not knowing what to say.

Nicholas held her hand and reminded softly, "If you don't have an appetite in the future, just drink some soup or bird's nest. I also prepared a lot of things for you that can suppress morning sickness during pregnancy. Since I don't know what works, I bought them all. I also bought a lot of parenting books, and I will read them slowly to learn to take care of you."

"Master Nicholas has also hired three nutritionists, all from different countries, who will cook according to your appetite, Miss Tessa."

Sebastian spoke again.

Listening to this, Tessa felt tears coming to her eyes. She felt that Nicholas was really good, and she felt that there was nothing wrong with her decision. Nicholas really cared about this child, but...

"I know that you care for me and the child, but this is too much trouble."

She gave the man a flirtatious look. "Don't spend so much money in the future."

"You deserve to be treated well."

Nicholas gently combed Tessa's hair, then stared at her with his pair of black eyes.

For the next few days, Nicholas stayed by her side.

Due to his existence, Tessa was particularly at ease, and because of this, her complexion became better.

Chapter 738 It Will Hurt the Baby

Even so, the side effects of Tessa's pregnancy were still serious.

Fortunately, the nutritionists that Nicholas hired were very good at making food for Tessa every day. Although she still vomited, most of the food remained in her stomach

One day, after Nicholas picked up Tessa from the orchestra, Sebastian greeted them by saying, "Master Nicholas, Miss Tessa, Young Master Greg is here."

"Greg is here?"

The surprised Tessa immediately left Nicholas and walked quickly into the living room. Nicholas looked at her with helplessness on his face, but the smile on the corner of his mouth was full of love.

Once she entered the living room, Tessa saw the little boy sitting on the couch and called out happily, "Greg!"

"Miss Tessa!"

Gregory raised his head happily, jumped off the couch, and sped toward Tessa with his short legs.

Tessa had already opened her arms, ready to greet the little boy with a hug.

Meanwhile, the little boy suddenly stopped two steps away from her.

"Greg, what's wrong?"

Tessa looked at the little boy in confusion.

After all, the little boy would throw himself directly into her arms in the past.

"Miss Tessa is pregnant, so I can't hug you. Otherwise, it will hurt the baby." Gregory spoke seriously.

When Tessa saw such a well-behaved and sensible little boy, her heart warmed.

She took the initiative to step forward. After she hugged Gregory affectionately, she sat on the couch with him and asked, "When did you come?"

"I arrived in the morning to see the baby in Miss Tessa's belly."

Gregory deliberately glanced at her belly as he spoke, and his tone was indescribably happy. "In the future, I will have a younger sibling, but I hope it'll be a girl who is as beautiful as you."

Tessa looked at the innocent smile on the little boy's face and was taken aback for a moment.

She didn't expect Gregory to say such a thing. Is this what Nicholas taught him to say?

Thinking about it, she raised her eyes to look at Nicholas, but when she realized the man had the same surprise in his eyes, she knew that she had thought too much.

This might be Gregory's own idea.

Even so, she was still very careful about Greg. She pretended to be teasing and said with a smile, "Oh, it seems like Greg would like a sister. Aren't you worried that we won't love you anymore after the birth of a younger sibling?"

Unexpectedly, as soon as these words came out, the smile on Gregory's face disappeared, and he became very silent. In fact, the little boy was very smart and

had a high IQ. However, he was also extraordinarily sensitive and fragile emotionally. Nevertheless, he was very sensible, so he wouldn't mention these things or think about them deeply.

Upon the mention of possibly being unloved, he felt very uneasy.

When she saw the boy pursing his lips and saying nothing, Tessa felt distressed and thought that she shouldn't have asked Gregory that just now because she had hurt the little boy's heart.

Thinking of this, she quickly took him into her arms. He struggled to get down, saying, "Don't hold me, Miss Tessa. I'm heavy, and I'll tire you."

Hearing this, Tessa felt more complicated. She hugged Gregory tightly and comforted him by saying, "It's alright. You don't weigh much."

"Is it really okay? Won't it hurt the baby?"

Gregory raised his head and looked at Tessa cautiously.

Tessa nodded affirmatively. "It will not."

After saying that, she looked directly at Gregory with a serious expression. "Greg, you don't have to be so cautious. Even if I have a baby, I will still love and treat you well."

Gregory understood and nodded vigorously. "I will also be nice to you and your baby."

A few days later, Timothy also found out about his sister's pregnancy and rushed over.

"Didn't I say that I'm fine? Why did you come here on purpose?"

Although Tessa said that, she was still very happy to see her brother.

Nicholas looked at the siblings and knew that the two had private things to say, so he took Gregory to the garden to play.

Chapter 739 Like a Family

Seeing this, Timothy felt that his brother-in-law was very thoughtful.

He withdrew his gaze, looked at his sister seriously, and said with a smile, "Now that I know, I have to take a look. Otherwise, how can I rest assured?"

Tessa felt her heart was warm after listening to her brother's words.

At that moment, Timothy changed the subject and asked, "Tess, what are your plans for this child?"

"I plan to give birth to the child." Tessa didn't hide anything and directly stated her thoughts.

Timothy frowned slightly. "What about your dream? Are you going to give up on it?"

He looked at his sister with some disapproval. After all, he didn't want his sister to be stumped by the presence of the child.

Tessa understood her brother's thoughts and smiled. "Don't worry. Even if I have the child, I will not give up my dream."

Hearing this, Timothy was taken aback, not knowing what to say for a while.

In honesty, he wanted to say that many things would change after having children. However, when he saw the happy smile on his sister's face, he suddenly felt that those hesitations in his heart had become somewhat unimportant.

After all, in this world, he cared about his sister the most.

As long as it was what his sister wanted to do and that it would make her happy, he would support her without hesitation. He did not want her to compromise and be wronged.

"I understand, so I will support you," he said, solemnly promising his sister.

With the support of her family, the smile on Tessa's face became even brighter.

That night, all of them ate together like a family.

Perhaps it was because her younger brother had come, Tessa was in a particularly good mood and ate a lot.

After dinner, they sat in the living room for a while before going back to rest in their respective rooms.

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The next day, Tessa accompanied her brother to breakfast and went to the orchestra after that.

After seeing his sister off, Timothy came to Nicholas and said solemnly, "I want to talk to you."

Gregory looked at them, not understanding why Timothy had become so serious all of a sudden.

However, Nicholas was not surprised at all.

Since Timothy and Tessa had talked last night, he knew that Timothy would find him.

Instead of refusing, he simply turned his head and instructed, "Sebastian, take Greg to the garden to play."

Sebastian nodded and took the little boy out of the living room.

With that, Nicholas and Timothy went to the study.

The two sat on the couch facing each other, and after the servant served tea, he backed out.

"What do you want to talk about?" Nicholas took a sip of tea and took the initiative to ask.

Timothy also got straight to the point and said directly, "What do you think about Tessa wanting to give birth to the child?"

"We decided to keep the child. In the beginning, I also mentioned to her that I didn't want the child to stop her from pursuing her dreams, but we were also reluctant to abort the fetus."

"Once the child is born, will you come up with the excuse of taking care of the child and refuse to let her go out? What about your family—"

Timothy was worried that Nicholas would demand Tessa to stay at home and be a housewife after giving birth to the child. This was what he didn't want to happen.

Nicholas also understood Timothy's thoughts, and he assured with a serious expression, saying, "You can rest assured that even after the child is born, your sister can still do what she wants to do. Besides, I also have something to tell you."

He suddenly thought of Gregory. Although he couldn't tell Tessa about it for the time being, he felt that Timothy should know.

The man looked over in confusion. "What's the matter?"

Nicholas looked at him and said solemnly, "Truthfully, Greg is also your sister's child."

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Timothy was stunned as Nicholas' words kept echoing in his mind.

He looked at Nicholas in disbelief. "How could Greg be my sister's child?" he asked in shock.

When Nicholas saw Timothy's disbelief, he recounted what had happened back then.

"Back then, in order to raise money for your surgery, your sister agreed to my grandfather's conditions..."

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After hearing that, only then did Timothy discover that Tessa had been going through such lengths to gather money for his surgery during the one year of her disappearance.

He was in utter shock right then while his heart was feeling heavy from the guilt. After all, he felt that he'd caused his sister to suffer too much. He didn't even dare to think how desperate it had been for her to think of such a way to earn money, as well as how much pain she had to bear when she was separated from her own child.

At the thought of this, Timothy, who had been sitting upright, drooped his shoulders at once. "No wonder Tess always seemed distracted when she first came back. Every time she saw an adorable child, she would stare at the kid without moving an inch. This was why..." As he said that, his eyes reddened while a lump formed in his throat. He covered his face sorrowfully and felt that he owed Tessa so much that he wouldn't be able to return everything in this life.

When Nicholas saw this, he didn't disturb Timothy. He just remained silent on the side and waited for Timothy to calm down.

Only after a while did Timothy calm down slightly. He looked at Nicholas with complicated thoughts in his mind and he couldn't help but overthink. "Well, are you together with Tess because she's Gregory's mother?"

"Of course not. I was unaware of this in the beginning, but after some events and noticing how Gregory treated your sister so differently, I only found out later that she's actually Gregory's mother."

Nicholas knew what was bothering Timothy, so he said bluntly, "I'm together with your sister because I love her."

Timothy was momentarily stunned by Nicholas' seriousness, and he couldn't help but laugh. Indeed, based on Nicholas' personality, no one could force him to be with Tessa if he didn't love her. "My apologies. I'm overthinking it."

"It's okay." Nicholas didn't take it to heart as it was normal for Timothy to have this thought after everything he heard.

At this moment, Timothy didn't know what to say anymore. So, he grabbed the cup on the table and took a sip of water to get over the shock. After some time, he asked, "Are you... not going to tell Tess about this?"

"It's not the right time yet." Nicholas shook his head and explained with a serious look, "If she knows about this, she won't be able to pursue her dream at ease like now. Also, I'm telling you this to let you know that I won't restrict your sister just because of the child's presence. She has a dream, and I'll fully support her to help her achieve it. As for the family, I can take care of the child. It doesn't have to be your sister."

After hearing that, it would be a lie if Timothy said that he wasn't touched. After all, there were only a handful of men like Nicholas who'd choose to take care of the family themselves and let their wife pursue her dream.

Despite knowing that Gregory was Tessa's child, Nicholas didn't expose the truth and merely allowed Tessa to pursue her dream abroad. This showed that he really loved her and that he only wished for her to get what she wanted.

Just like what Nicholas said, if Tessa knew about this, she probably wouldn't be able to casually head overseas like now.

Timothy gradually accepted the fact that Gregory was Tessa's son. At the same time, his impression of Nicholas boosted sharply. "Thank you for accepting my sister." He looked at Nicholas, evidently touched.

Since he knew what Timothy was thinking, Nicholas said with a mere smile, "It's nothing. I've always supported her dreams, and I would like to see her confidently glowing on stage too."

When Timothy heard that, he suddenly felt that it was so lucky of Tessa to have met a man like Nicholas. After all, an ordinary man wouldn't be able to do what Nicholas did.

After that, he asked Nicholas about his future plans. "Now that Tess is pregnant, will you marry her soon?"

Afraid that Nicholas would misunderstand, he quickly explained, "I'm not forcing you into marriage. However, since Tess is pregnant now and you two are planning to keep the baby, I'm just thinking that you should give her some sort of status. After all, I don't want her to be talked about behind her back, saying that she has ulterior motives. Also..."